

Major General John L. Hudson

Program Executive Officer and Program Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program



Major General John L. "Jack" Hudson is the Program Executive Officer and Program Director for the Joint Strike Fighter Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, Arlington, VA. This joint program will develop and produce the next generation strike warfare weapon system for the U. S. Navy, Marine Corps, and Air Force; for the Royal Navy and Royal Air Force; and, for other countries under partnership and foreign military sales plans.

Major General Hudson was born in New York state. He was commissioned in 1973 after being honored as a distinguished graduate of the U.S. Air Force Academy. He has a Bachelor of Science degree in astronautical engineering, and master degrees in aeronautics and astronautics, national security and strategic studies, and management. He has served in various flying and acquisition assignments.

Education

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| 1973 | Bachelor of Science in astronautical engineering, United States Air Force Academy, Colorado, Distinguished Graduate |
| 1974 | Master of Science in aeronautics and astronautics, Purdue University |
| 1987 | Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell Air Force Base, Alabama, Distinguished Graduate |
| 1991 | Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island, Distinguished Graduate |
| 1991 | Master of Arts in national security and strategic studies, US Naval War College |
| 1993 | Master of Science in management, Salve Regina University |
| 1993 | Defense Systems Management College, Fort Belvoir, Virginia |
| 1997 | Executive Program Management Course, Fort Belvoir, Virginia |
| 1997 | Executive Development Program, Cornell University |

Assignments

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| 1. June 1973 - May 1974 | AF Institute of Technology graduate student, Purdue University |
| 2. June 1974 - June 1975 | Undergraduate pilot training, class 75-08, Sheppard AFB, Texas |
| 3. July 1975 - May 1978 | T-38 instructor pilot, 90th Flying Training Squadron, 80th Flying Training Wing, Sheppard Air Force Base, Texas |
| 4. May 1978 - February 1979 | T-38 fighter lead-in training, Holloman AFB, New Mexico; A-10 qualification training, Davis-Monthan AFB, Arizona |
| 5. March 1979 - December 1981 | A-10 pilot, instructor pilot and flight examiner, 510th Tactical Fighter Squadron, 81st Tactical Fighter Wing, RAF Bentwaters, United Kingdom |
| 6. January 1982 - June 1984 | USAF Test Pilot School and A-10 test pilot, A-10 Combined Test Force, Edwards Air Force Base, California |

7. June 1984 - June 1986	A-7 and T-38 instructor test pilot, USAF Test Pilot School, Edwards Air Force Base, California
8. July 1986 - June 1987	Student, Air Command and Staff College, Maxwell AFB, Alabama
9. July 1987 - July 1990	Program Element Monitor, F-117 and Tri-Service Standoff Attack Missile (TSSAM) programs, the Pentagon, Washington DC
10. July 1990 - July 1991	Student, US Naval War College, Newport, Rhode Island
11. July 1991 - July 1993	Director of Projects, TSSAM SPO, Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
12. July 1993 - July 1994	Executive Officer to the Air Force Vice Chief of Staff, Headquarters United States Air Force, Pentagon, Washington DC
13. July 1994 - May 1996	Director of Flight Training System Program Office (Joint Primary Aircraft Training System and T-1A), Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, Ohio
14. May 1996 - June 1997	Director of the F-15 System Program Office, Robins Air Force Base, Georgia.
15. June 1997 - September 1997	Deputy for Aeronautical Systems, Strategic and Tactical Systems, Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, the Pentagon, Washington DC
16. September 1997 - May 1999	Senior Military Assistant to the Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Technology, the Pentagon, Washington DC
17. May 1999 – Oct 2001	Deputy Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Acquisition, Arlington, VA.
18. Oct 2001 - Present	Program Executive Officer and Program Director, Joint Strike Fighter Program, Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Navy, Research, Development and Acquisition, Arlington, VA.

Flight Information

Rating: Command Pilot

Flight Hours: 3504 hours

Aircraft Flown: A-10, A-7, T-38 (and 42 other aircraft)

Major Awards and Decorations

Defense Distinguished Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Defense Superior Service Medal

Defense Meritorious Service Medal with one oak leaf cluster

Meritorious Service Medal with two oak leaf clusters

Air Force Commendation Medal

Effective Dates of Promotion

Second Lieutenant Jun 6, 1973

First Lieutenant Jun 6, 1975

Captain Jun 6, 1977

Major Aug 1, 1984

Lieutenant Colonel May 1, 1989

Colonel Jan 1, 1993

Brigadier General Mar 1, 1999

Major General (Frocked) Jul 18, 2002